

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the specification currently on file with the enclosed Substitute Specification. An unmarked version and a marked version of the Substitute Specification are enclosed.

The Substitute Specification contains no new matter.

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure currently on file with the following rewritten Abstract of the Disclosure:

--For automatic transportation and lifting and lowering of specimens in an automatic stainer, a drive system comprises a motor (16) and a side wall assembly (40), the motor (16) being coupled on the drive side to a first (12) and a second (14) crank system. The first (12) and second (14) crank systems are respectively coupled to the side wall assembly (40).--